

are less fortunate. The Boy Scouts of Sam Houston Area Council must be commended for thinking of others before themselves. And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING ANDREW CARPENTER ON RECEIVING A "YES I CAN" AWARD FROM THE COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Andrew Carpenter for receiving the "Yes I Can" Award from the Council for Exceptional Children.

The "Yes We Can" Award is presented by the Council for Exceptional Children, a professional association of educators dedicated to advancing the success of youth with exceptionalities, in recognition of accomplishments in various categories. Andrew is one of only twelve students worldwide receiving this prestigious award, and will be honored in the transition category.

Andrew, who is affected by autism, graduated from Gloversville High School in 2015 and subsequently enrolled in Transitions at Lexington, a chapter of The Arc New York, which prepares teenagers and young adults with autism and learning differences for college, careers, and life.

Throughout his time at Transitions, Andrew continues to flourish, developing skills including self-advocacy and goal-setting to equip him for success in life. His enriching experience has even included becoming a vocalist for the popular Lexington-based band, Flame, which travelled to Carpi, Italy, last year to perform at the International Festival of Different Abilities. Andrew also currently attends Fulton-Montgomery Community College, where he studies communications.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to recognize Andrew for his hard work and commitment at Transitions that led him to great success. He is a deserving recipient of this award and I want to wish him all the best in the years ahead.

IN MEMORY OF DR. JAMES R. BUSH, JR.

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on February 1, 2018, a memorial service was conducted at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne, Louisiana, to honor the life of Dr. James R. Bush, Jr.

I include in the RECORD the following thoughtful obituary published in The Crowley-Post Signal on January 27, 2018:

A Funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Thursday, Feb. 1, for Dr. James R. Bush, Jr., 68, who died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, at his home surrounded by his family. A rosary will be said Thursday, Feb. 1, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joseph

Catholic Church. The services will be officiated by Fr. William "Bill" Roskoski and Deacon Tommy Adams.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Bush of Rayne; his wife of 44 years, Mary Bush of Rayne; two sons, Michael Bush and wife Courtney of Rayne, and John Bush and wife Lindsey of Crowley; two daughters, Mary Katharine Doré and husband Jason of Washington, D.C., and Elizabeth Leonards and husband Luke of Lafayette; a brother, David Bush and wife Sandra of Rayne; two sisters, Nancy Stutes of Baton Rouge and Elizabeth Mooney and husband Mike of Rayne; six grandchildren, Vivian, M.J., Jack-Thomas, Eleanor, William and Mary-Cynthia; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. James R. Bush, Sr.; a brother, Jerome Bush; two nephews, Ben Stutes and Derek Bush; and a brother-in-law, Darrell Stutes.

Dr. Bush was born April 8, 1949, in Church Point to Dr. and Mrs. James R. Bush, Sr. A 1967 graduate of Rayne High School he earned his bachelor of science degree from USL in Lafayette. He went on to complete studies at the LSU School of Dentistry in New Orleans in 1975. He practiced dentistry in Baton Rouge between 1975 and 1985, after which, he returned home and served the Rayne community from 1986 until 2009.

Dr. Bush was a member of the Rayne Lions Club and the 6th District Dental Association. He will be remembered not only as a kind and loving person, always willing to help in any way possible; but, also as a compassionate dentist and caregiver who cared for all his patients.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall No. 61; yea on rollcall No. 62; and nay on rollcall No. 63.

HONORING NATHANIEL "NATE" ADAMS, JR.

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to honor a community leader, Nathaniel "Nate" Adams, Jr., a man who has left an indelible mark on both the Bronx and Westchester counties which I represent. Nate has lived a full and active life, one that has taken many interesting turns over the years. Born on November 9th, 1941 Nate was raised and educated in Cleveland, and went on to Purdue University, where he was awarded a full track and field scholarship, and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1965.

In his professional life, Nate was a teacher-coach at Woodlands High School in Hartsdale, New York and later became the cofounder of RAN Associates in 1970. Then in 1972, Nate began a star-studded entertainment career, first as an associate producer for the movie "Super Fly" and then as an actor and clothing designer for the movie "Classic." Nate then worked as a special events organizer for Don

King Productions, where he produced a musical concert in Zaire ahead of the Muhammed Ali Vs. George Foreman prize fight. In 1980, he was a producer for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) where he created the UNCF Walkathon, "Walk a Mile, to Save a Mind"; in 1985 he became Director of Special Events of CARE International; in 1986 he became producer for International Tours for KOOL & the Gang; and in 1990 he became Tour Manager for the Lloyd Price Group, the Four Kings of R&B, and other greats. Nate was also the cofounder of the Black National Sports and Entertainment Foundation.

Incredibly, Nate was just as active outside of work, too. He has been a member of Shiloh Baptist Church in New Rochelle since 1978, and became a Deacon himself in 1982. In 2002, Nate became chairman of the Shiloh Community Development Corporation, which led to the construction of a 40-unit senior housing facility in New Rochelle. In 2006, he became chairman of the Deacon Ministry of Shiloh Baptist Church, then just two years later, became President of Tilden Towers II Board of Directors in the Bronx.

Of course for all his great accomplishments, Nate would always point to family as his greatest. He and his wife Audrey have been married since 1967, and they have been blessed with 3 children, Nichole, Nathaniel III, and Alisha, and 10 grandchildren.

Nate's motto, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" couldn't be more appropriate for a man who truly has done it all. He is most deserving of this recognition today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SETH MOULTON

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for votes on Wednesday, February 7th. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 61; YEA on Roll Call No. 62; and YEA on Roll Call No. 63.

HONORING JIM JOHNSTON

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Jim Johnston, president and CEO of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association (OIDA). Jim passed away on January 8, 2018.

Jim was born in 1939 in Summerfield, MA, but was raised in the Midwest after his family moved to Iowa when he was a child. In 1956, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and after completing his military service he entered the trucking industry as an owner-operator in 1960.

In 1969, Jim moved to Grain Valley, MO, during a turbulent time in the trucking industry. At that time—as it is now—trucking was dominated by small businesses. Recognizing the